

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, since 2013 I have flown the pride flag outside my D.C. office in solidarity with the LGBT community. According to the House historian, I was the first to do so, a fact that I am very proud of.

Yesterday, outside my office in Washington, D.C., a man took that flag out of its holder, threw it on the ground, and stomped on it. He called the flag disgusting and immoral.

This flag is a symbol of pride for the LGBT community—an international symbol of love, understanding, equality, and hope.

The shadows of intolerance have grown longer in recent days: bomb threats called into Jewish community centers, desecrations of Jewish cemeteries, hate crimes against minorities and the transgender community, horrifically racist statements from a Member of this body.

To all our brothers and sisters who endure through these hateful acts, we stand with you, and we will continue to fight for your rights and your equality.

#### LISTENING TO EVERYBODY'S VOICE

(Mr. BOST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, you can learn a lot when you listen. During times like these, when political infighting makes it difficult to hear everyone's voice, we need to try even harder.

Today I would like to encourage all of my constituents in the Illinois 12th District to visit [bost.house.gov/yourstory](http://bost.house.gov/yourstory) to share your personal perspective on the Affordable Care Act. Again, that is [bost.house.gov/yourstory](http://bost.house.gov/yourstory).

If the law has helped you and your family receive care you needed, I want to hear about it. If the law has put you in a situation where you don't have insurance or have higher premiums, I want to hear about that, too.

It is important that we deal with this healthcare issue and reform it so that it works for all people. And for the people of southern Illinois, I want to hear your story.

#### HEALTH CARE IS COMPLICATED

(Mr. HUFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, President Trump has made some implausible statements recently, but one that certainly takes the cake on the issue of health care is when he said that nobody knew that health care could be so complicated.

Well, for President Trump and those who are attacking the Affordable Care Act, I would like to talk about one little boy who challenges this claim.

This week, of course, we know from the nonpartisan CBO just how dev-

astating the Trump-Ryan repeal would be for millions of Americans, including Rhett Krawitt, a 9-year-old boy who lives in my district.

Rhett battled and won a tough fight with leukemia. He spoke to a townhall in my district on Monday, where he said: "Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, my parents don't have to worry about losing coverage because I have a preexisting condition. My family knows exactly how much money our health care will cost. I can stay on my parents' plan and get medical insurance when I go to college and medical school."

And he added one more thing. He said: "I may only be 9 years old, but I have known for a long time that health care is complicated."

Mr. Trump, if only you had spoken to this 9-year-old before trying to gut health care for millions of Americans.

Let's not go backward on health care in this country.

#### REMEMBERING CAPTAIN ANDREW BECKER AND FIRST LIEUTENANT FREDERICK "DREW" DELLECKER

(Mr. DESANTIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DESANTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences to the families of the three Air Force officers who were killed in a plane crash earlier this week in New Mexico. Two of these officers had strong ties to the Sixth Congressional District in Florida, and particularly Volusia County.

Captain Andrew Becker graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach in 2007. He was a great student, a real world beater. He did what many graduates of Riddle do. He served our country with honor and distinction, and we are thankful for his service to this country. We send our condolences to his wife.

First Lieutenant Drew Dellecker graduated from the Air Force Academy in 2013 after growing up in Volusia County. This special guy dedicated his life to serving our country and defending our freedoms. The Volusia County community is saddened by his loss; and his parents, Bill and Karen, are in our thoughts and prayers.

May God bless these fine young men, and may God bless their memory in the United States of America.

#### IRISH LESSONS

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I join with millions around the globe to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The United States of America would not be the country we are today without the enormous contributions of millions of Irish immigrants and their descendants.

From serving in every war our country has ever faced and leading our country at every level of government, Irish Americans have done it all. Today, more than 33 million Irish Americans claim Irish ancestry.

Tragically, our country didn't always welcome the Irish. During the late 19th and 20th centuries, Irish arriving on our shores were met with contempt, disdain, and with signs that read, "Irish need not apply." But they persisted, and our country is all the better for it.

So, today, St. Patrick's Day, I thank you and say thank you to all the Irish men and women who helped shape the great country we are today.

Thank you, and happy St. Patrick's Day.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 115TH CONGRESS

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on House Administration, I call up House Resolution 173 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 173

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, in accordance with this primary expense resolution, not more than the amount specified in subsection (b) for the expenses (including the expenses of all staff salaries) of each committee named in such subsection.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$11,437,517; Committee on Armed Services, \$16,188,340; Committee on the Budget, \$10,380,424; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$14,454,212; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$20,531,442; Committee on Ethics, \$6,681,326; Committee on Financial Services, \$16,580,450; Committee on Foreign Affairs, \$15,673,986; Committee on Homeland Security, \$15,007,846; Committee on House Administration, \$10,343,130; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$12,100,000; Committee on the Judiciary, \$15,350,572; Committee on Natural Resources, \$13,758,344; Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, \$18,259,682; Committee on Rules, \$6,460,562; Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, \$10,969,956; Committee on Small Business, \$6,287,037; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$17,416,000; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$7,958,062; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$17,940,692.

#### SEC. 2. FIRST SESSION LIMITATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not more than the amount specified in such subsection shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2017, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2018.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture,